**NPO Governance 2023-2026**

**Leicestershire County Council Governance**

As a Council we have robust and established governance structures and a reputation for strong delivery against commitments and effective financial management.

The governing body of our organisation is the Cabinet, chaired by the Leader of the Council. Cabinet meets on a monthly basis and is the key decision-making body, it also makes recommendations to the Council regarding the annual budget and major plans.

The work of the Council is led by the Strategic Plan 2022-2026; its vision is reflected through five strategic outcomes – Great Communities; Clean and Green; Safe and Well; Improved Opportunities and Strong Economy, Transport and Infrastructure. Each outcome has a clear aim, defined actions and measures of success.

There are six overview and scrutiny committees which scrutinise council decisions and performance and assist in research, policy review and development. The Council publishes a forward plan of all key decisions on the website at least 28 days before every Cabinet.

Our NPO programme will be governed by two new boards which will be embedded within the wider service and council strategic governance structure above.

**LCC Officers Oversight Group** responsible for process-driven scrutiny of the management of the investment. This will involve officers from Finance, HR, Communities, Comms, Children and Young People’s, Adult Social Care and Environment. A quarterly board meeting will monitor and review progress against NPO outcomes and milestones

**NPO Programme Board** responsible for the creative direction and development of the programme**.** This board will facilitate creative dialogue and provide constructive challenge. This is the decision-making board and will report to Arts Council.

**Community Connectors Network** This will be made up of local people and representatives of organisations and groups who are connected to their communities. This will support us to be more widely represent and reflect the people we aim to serve. Members will be recruited through existing networks and contacts but also through open advert to support the re-vitalisation of our service. We will be inspired and challenged by this network to be innovative, take risks and develop talent within this programme.

**Working groups**

Elements of the programme will also have their own representative groups which will feed into the main NPO board.

**The Cultural Youth Forum (CYF)** will support the voice of young people and ensure activities meet their needs and ambitions.

**A Creative Expression in Libraries (CEIL)** programme group will guide decision making linked to the work of this strand. Each project will have working groups

**Community Curators In Market Town Museum (CCIMTM) Project**s will have working groups for associated activities.

**Culture To You** will have a working group

**The Volunteer Managers Group** will continue to meet and support volunteering in the service.

**The exhibition planning group** will continue to guide decisions and processes for our museum sites.

The programme of NPO activity will be co-ordinated by the Participation Team which currently leads on audience development and reports directly to the Head of Service. This will ensure the principals of co-production and co-curation underpin all that we do.